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Report Highlights:

On August 3, 2022, the Plant Quarantine Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, published the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2022. The amended order relates to the import of pome fruits from different countries, including the United States, and grants expanded market access for U.S.-origin cherries from the northwest United States. To date, the amendment order has not been notified to the World Trade Organization.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

In conjunction with the Twelfth Ministerial of the India-United States Trade Policy Forum held on November 23, 2021, the Plant Quarantine Division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, published Plant Quarantine (PQ) (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2022. The Order includes new protocol that expands market access through a systems approach for U.S.-origin cherries produced in the northwest United States (Idaho, Oregon, Washington) to India. The implementation date for the protocol is immediate from the date of notification, August 12, 2022. To date, the order has not been notified to the World Trade Organization. The full text of the 2022 PQ Third Amendment Order is included below for convenience.

Notification Details:

Type of Regulation: Final

Public Notice Date: August 12, 2022

Proposed Date of Adoption: With immediate effect

WTO notification date: yet to be notified

Products affected: Pome fruits, including U.S. Cherries

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

(Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare)

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 3rd August, 2022

S.O. 3777(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 (2 of 1914), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order further to amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, namely:-

1. Short title and Commencement.—(1) This Order may be called the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Third Amendment) Order, 2022.
(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. Amendment of Schedule VI.- In the Schedule VI to the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003-

(i) Regarding the entries under Schedule-VI against serial no. 262 relating to Pome fruits (Apple, Pear (*Pyrus* spp.) and Quince (*Cydonia* spp.) in column (3) regarding (iii) Fresh fruits for Consumption, the entries under column 4 (viii) South Africa will be deleted.

(ii) Against serial number 262, relating to Pome fruits, in column (2) against the entry (ii) regarding 'Malus domestica (Apple)', in column(3) regarding 'Fresh fruits for consumption, in column (4) after item (x) and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(xi) South Africa	Free from: a) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) b) <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly) c) <i>Cydia molesta</i> (Oriental fruit moth) d) <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (Codling moth) e) <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Fire blight) f) <i>Pseudococcus calceolariae</i> (Scarlet mealy bug)	a) Pest free status for <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) and <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly) or b) Pre-shipment cold treatment/ In-transit cold treatment at 0°C or below for 10 days; 0.55°C or below for 11 days; 1.10°C or below for 12 days plus in-transit refrigeration against Mediterranean fruit Fly

(iii) Against serial number 262, relating to Pome fruits, in column (2) against the entry (iv) regarding 'Pyrus spp. (Pear)', in column(3) regarding 'Fresh fruits for consumption, in column (4) after item (ii) and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(iii) South Africa	Free from: a) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) b) <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly) c) <i>Cydia molesta</i> (Oriental fruit moth) d) <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (Codling moth) e) <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Fire blight) f) <i>Pseudococcus calceolariae</i> (Scarlet mealy bug)	a) Pest free status for <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) and <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly) or b) Pre-shipment cold treatment / In-transit cold treatment at 0°C or below for 10 days; 0.55°C or below for 11 days; 1.1°C or below for 12 days plus in-transit refrigeration against Mediterranean fruit Fly

(iv) Against serial number 262, relating to Pome fruits, in column (2) against the entry (v) regarding 'Cydonia spp. (Quince)', in column(3) regarding 'Fresh fruits for consumption, in column (4) after item (i) and the entries relating thereto, the following entries in columns (4), (5) and (6) shall respectively be inserted, namely:

(4)	(5)	(6)
(ii) South Africa	Free from: a) <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) b) <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly) c) <i>Cydia molesta</i> (Oriental fruit moth) d) <i>Cydia pomonella</i> (Codling moth) e) <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> (Fire blight) f) <i>Pseudococcus calceolariae</i> (Scarlet mealy bug)	a) Pest free status for <i>Ceratitis capitata</i> (Mediterranean fruit fly) and <i>Ceratitis rosa</i> (Natal fruit fly) or b) Pre-shipment cold treatment at 0°C or below for 10 days; 0.55°C or below for 11 days; 1.1°C or below for 12 days plus in-transit refrigeration against Mediterranean fruit Fly

(v) Against serial number 293, the following entries relating to column (2) (3), (4), (5) and (6) shall be inserted namely:

S. No.	Plant species	Category of plant material	Country of origin	Additional declarations required to be incorporated into Phytosanitary Certificate	Special conditions of import
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
293.	(v) <i>Prunus avium</i> (Sweet cherry)	(i). Fresh fruit for consumption	(j) USA (Pacific North West region- Idaho, Oregon, Washington)	Free from: 1. <i>Chloristoneura rosaceana</i> (Oblique banded leafroller) 2. <i>Grapholia molesta</i> (Oriental fruit moth) 3. <i>Grapholia packardi</i> (Cherry fruit worm) 4. <i>Grapholia prunivora</i> (Plum moth) 5. <i>Phenacoccus aceris</i> (Apple mealy bug) 6. <i>Rhagoletis fausta</i> (Black cherry fruit fly) 7. <i>Rhagoletis indifferens</i> (Western cherry fruit worm) 8. <i>Rhagoletis pomonella</i> (Apple maggot) 9. <i>Phytophthora cryptogea</i> (Tomato fruit rot)	(ii) Consignment complies with Systems Approach as per agreed protocol and procured from production area of Idaho, Oregon and Washington. (The same to be endorsed in Phytosanitary certificate.)

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Attachments:

[PQ\(Third Amendment\) Order 2022 Cherries.pdf](#)